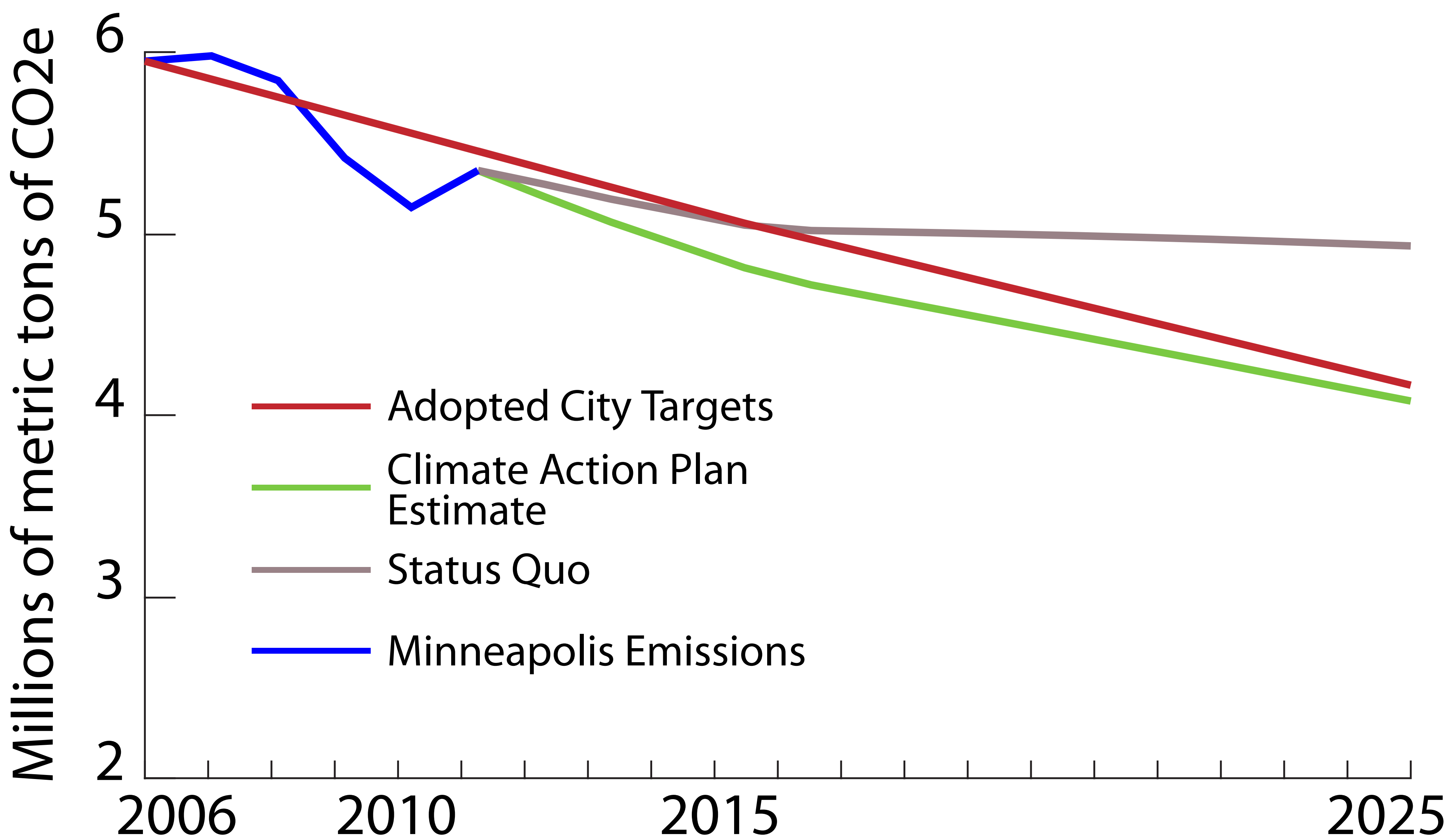


Roadmap to a Reduced Climate Impact

Estimated greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and impact of Climate Action Plan goals and strategies, 2006-2025



The draft Climate Action Plan goals and strategies are a roadmap to reducing GHG emissions 30 percent by 2025.

Draft implementation goals

- 1. Prioritize high impact, short timeframe, cost effective strategies.**
This plan will prioritize strategies for implementation that may have the greatest impact on emissions in the short term, acknowledging that the greatest number of co-benefits might not be immediately realized. We should always be cognizant of impacts on future generations.
- 2. Seek strategies with multiple benefits with an understanding that there may be tradeoffs.**
Wherever possible, implement strategies that provide a range of co-benefits (e.g., jobs, improved public health, or broader awareness of climate impacts).
- 3. Avoid creating disparate impacts across Minneapolis communities and target strategies to communities that could most benefit.**
Climate action strategies should avoid negatively impacting communities already heavily impacted by environmental or economic strain. Implement strategies so that they may benefit historically marginalized communities.



- 4. Monitor progress annually and revisit goals and strategies as necessary.**
The City of Minneapolis will continue to track community-wide greenhouse gas emissions and report on the implementation of climate action strategies and impacts.
- 5. Begin building resiliency to climate changes and impacts.**
This Climate Action Plan deals primarily with reducing emissions to mitigate climate change. However, we know that changes to the climate are already being felt in Minnesota. Minneapolis should explore the potential impacts and responses and build resiliency in local government and the community.

Key themes



Making Minneapolis buildings more energy efficient.
About two-thirds of the city's greenhouse gases come from energy used in buildings. A key step towards cutting emissions is to simply use less energy in the first place. Improving energy efficiency will also lower operating costs for homes and businesses and can keep more money in the local economy.



Increasing the use of renewable energy.
By using more renewable energy (e.g., solar, wind, biomass, and biofuels) we can drastically cut greenhouse gas emissions while also reducing dependence on fossil fuels. Draft Climate Action Plan goals and strategies call for public and private sector policies and innovations that will further boost this quickly growing part of the energy sector.



Improving public health and prioritizing social equity.
Climate Action Plan strategies may go beyond reducing emissions. Increased transit service means better access to jobs. Cleaner fuels improve air quality and public health. Making energy use information more readily available is a first step in helping residents and businesses reduce their energy costs.